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Subject: Washington Monument Visitor Security and Screening Project Section 106 Consulting Parties Meeting

The National Park Service hereby notifies interested Consulting Parties that the first consultation meeting on the Washington Monument Visitor Security and Screening Project, as provided for under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), will take place on Thursday, March 24, 2011, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Training Room B of the National Capital Region Headquarters, located at 1100 Ohio Drive, SW, Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the meeting is to introduce consulting parties to the proposed project, provide an overview of current design concept themes, discuss the draft areas of potential effect (APEs), and review contributing resources within the APEs. An agenda for the meeting will be posted in advance of the meeting on the NPS's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>.

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the security of the Washington Monument in a manner that maintains and preserves the visitor experience and cultural landscape of the Monument grounds. As the primary memorial to the nation's first president, the Washington Monument is toured by approximately one million visitors annually, with many more visiting the surrounding grounds. Its popularity, combined with its status as an icon, makes it a potential target for terrorist attack. A permanent perimeter vehicular barrier system was completed with landscape improvements in 2006. The current visitor screening facility that was also constructed at that time is temporary. Action is needed to complete the comprehensive security improvements.

Due to the relatively confined location of the undertaking within an expansive area of significant cultural resources, potential effects will be analyzed using a primary and a secondary APE. The primary APE includes cultural resources with the potential to receive physical and visual effects, while the secondary APE is limited to cultural resources that have the potential to receive only visual effects. Included in the area analyzed to determine the draft APEs are many significant cultural resources, including the Washington Monument and grounds, the Mall, the Lincoln Memorial and grounds, West Potomac Park, the White House and

grounds, L'Enfant and McMillan Plan resources, as well as other historic districts, cultural landscapes, and properties individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Section 106 consultation was initiated with the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO) and the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation (ACHP) on November 3, 2010. The NPS has also begun the Environmental Assessment (EA) process to analyze impacts specific to the Washington Monument Visitor Security and Screening Project. A public scoping meeting, which introduced the NEPA and Section 106 processes, was held on November 8, 2010. Preliminary concepts presented at this meeting have been open for public comment since then. The public scoping will conclude on March 31, 2011 (go to: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/nama> and click "Washington Monument Visitor Screening Facility"). The NPS intends to complete consultation for Section 106 of the NHPA concurrently with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process. At this conceptual stage, the NPS is not prepared to make a formal determination of effect for the project, but looks forward to consultation on this very important undertaking.

To confirm the attendance of you and/or your organization at the meeting, please contact Jennifer Talken-Spaulding at 202-245-4693 or jennifer_talken-spaulding@nps.gov.

Reminder E-mail and Agenda

From: Greg_Cody@nps.gov [mailto:Greg_Cody@nps.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 1:12 PM

Subject: Washington Monument Visitor Security and Screening Project Agenda for March 24 Section 106 Consulting Parties Meeting #1

The National Park Service (NPS) hereby notifies interested Consulting Parties that the first consultation meeting on the Washington Monument Visitor Security and Screening Project, as provided for under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), will take place on Thursday, March 24, 2011, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Training Room B of the National Capital Region Headquarters, located at 1100 Ohio Drive, SW, Washington, D.C.

The agenda for the meeting, which is also posted on the NPS's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website (go to <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/nama> and click "Washington Monument Visitor Screening Facility"), is as follows:

1:00 - 1:10 Welcome and Introductions

1:10 - 1:20 Project Background

1:20 - 1:30 Goals for Section 106 Meeting #1

1:30 - 2:15 Presentation of Site History, Concept Design Themes and Discussion

2:15 - 2:45 Cultural Resources: Presentation of Draft APEs, Identification of Historic Resources and Discussion

2:45 - 3:00 Next Steps and Schedule

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